

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s): STEER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1657  
Serial No.: 10/549,867 )  
Filed: September 22, 2005 ) Examiner: AFREMOVA, Vera  
For: METHODS OF PROMOTING CELL VIABILITY

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop Amendment  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."